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**- REMARKS/ARGUMENTS -**

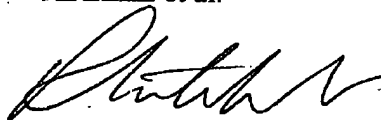
Claims 21 to 40 are now in the application.

Claims 1 to 20 have been cancelled, and the Applicant herein submits new claims 21 to 40 for the Examiner's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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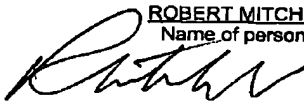
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